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[CAP-AR-Wing-Parents] June Diversity Message

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We support CAP members who make up the invisible diversity of CAP by being a good ally or "wingman." We support our "wingman" by standing up for them when they are talked about or stereotyped, even if they are not in the room. We ensure there are opportunities for their voices to be heard. We may not fully understand their struggles, but we can be there for them and try to lighten the load.

Invisible diversity – Diversity that is not visible on the outside examples include members of the LGBTQ+ community, different religions, some physical disabilities, and learning disabilities.

An **ally** - someone who provides support and assistance to and support during an ongoing effort, activity, or struggle. The term ally is often now used specifically of a person who is not a member of a marginalized or mistreated group but who expresses or gives support to that group. - Merriam-Webster Dictionary.

"Wingman" – A person who helps look after and encourages their friends in good times and bad. – Learn to Lead Chapter 2

Respectfully,

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